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Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 19-3550 for any additional fees resulting from this amendment.

REMARKS

Applicants urge reconsideration of the subject U.S. patent application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Amendment to Claims

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-23 and added new Claims 24-39 directed to a method of packaging multiple containers having a first diameter in a first package and multiple containers having a second diameter in a second package. Applicants urge that such amendments and new claims add no new matter to the subject U.S. patent application.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103

The Krogman et al. Patent in View of the Fisher Patent

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13 and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Krogman et al., U.S. Patent 5,383,321, in view of Fisher, U.S. Patent 3,044,230. Applicants have canceled the referenced claims thereby rendering the subject rejection moot. Applicants urge that the newly added method claims are not taught or suggested by the Krogman et al. Patent and/or the Fisher Patent, alone or in combination.

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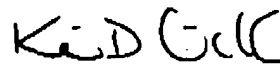
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Conclusion

In view of the above Amendment and remarks, Applicants sincerely believe that Claims 24-39 of this patent application are now in condition for allowance and early allowance is respectfully requested. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned should any issue require further consideration.

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